THE
First Principles of a Christian:
OR
Questions and Answers vpon the Creede, the ten Commandements, and the Lords Prayer: for the further opening of the ordinary Catechisme.

Very fit to bee learned of all children.

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Teach a childe the trade of his way, and when hee is olde hee shall not depart from it. *Pro.* 22. 6.

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To all faithfull Paſtors, my fellow-labourers in the Worke of the LORD.

IT may perhaps ſeeme ſtrange vnto you beloued brethren, that I ſhould put forth theſe firſt principles of a Chriſtian, after ſo many and ſo excellent Catechiſmes in their vſe ſo profitable already put forth: But let this ſerue for anſwer, that none as yet haue expounded the ordinarie Catechiſme that euer I did ſee.

And againe, that I doe finde this moſt profitable for the people of mine owne charge; and if it may be beneficiall vnto others alſo, I haue my deſire. Now mine exhortation vnto you all, is, that you would be moſt diligent and faithfull, as in generall to take heed vnto the whole flocke ouer

which the holy Ghost hath made *you ouerseers* so more specially to Catechise the younger sort, let them haue the syncere milke of the worde, that they may grow thereby; they are *messis in herba*, the hope of our harueſt hereafter: Remember that our Sauiour doth charge vs all, not onely to feede τὰ πρόβατα his *Sheepe*, the elder sort, but hee doth also inioine vs in the first place, and vpon our loue to feede τὰ ἀρνία his *Lambs*: the one must haue strong meate, that they faint not; the other must haue the *syncere milke of the word, that they may become strong men in Christ.* Remember that if you *teach a yong man the trade of his way, when he is old he shall not depart from it*: If you season his minde with grace in childhood, his heart shall be established with grace in manhood: *adeo a teneris assuescere magnum est*: On the other side, the neglect of this Catechising our youth, and seasoning their tender hearts with the true knowledge of God, is *nostri fundi calamitas.* We see by miserable experience the want thereof: how many of our young men, to the great disgrace of the Gospell, are riotous swaggerers, horrible blasphemers, filthie drunkards, and a great deale

deale more? the bloud of whose perishing soules, doe cry vnto God against negligent and Idle Pastors, which onely feede themselues. It is true, that our encouragements vpon earth are small; yet here is our comfort, that if we be faithfull and diligent, and doe the worke of the Lorde with all our strength, wee shall then make our account with ioy: and when the chiefe Shepheard of the flocke shall appeare wee shall receiue an incorruptible crowne of glory: yea, when other righteous men shal only shine like the firmament, wee shall shine like the starres in the firmament for euermore: which God the righteous iudge, graunt for his sonnes sake, *Amen.*

Your Brother and fellow labourer,
W. H.

To all Christian Parents and Fathers of Families; chiefely to those of mine owne Charge.

I Haue this third time, imprinted this short Summe, of the principles of Christian religion, for the good of your selues, and your families. Mine exhortation therefore vnto you is, first, to learne these things your selues, then to teach your children at home; thirdly, to see them present in publicke assemblies of the Church, there to be taught also. So shall you discharge a great dutie which you doe owe vnto your God, and also vnto your families. For doth not the Lord say these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart, & thou shalt rehearse them continually, vnto thy childrē, *your God requireth it, you must performe it. O that you would learne the resolution of* Ioshua: *let others do as they will, but I and mine household will serue the Lord: and let all Matrons say, with* Ester, I & my maydes will do the like:

and indeede it cannot be, if your selues be truely conuerted vnto God, but that both out of your zeale vnto his glory, and loue vnto your children, you must needes labour to make them proselites vnto heauen. For as our Sauiour saith of Zacheus *conuersion,* This day is saluation come vnto this house, *yet there was none conuerted but* Zacheus *onely: But Christ spake of that which must needes follow, that all the rest of that family hauing so effectuall meanes of grace, must needes be conuerted, and therefore I say vnto you as our Sauiour did vnto* Peter, When thou art conuerted, strengthen thy brethren: *and so you being made true proselites vnto Christ, endeauour by all meanes to make all your children and family, to be euen as you are: The Lord make you all herein faithfull, so shall you haue a blessing, of all earthly blessings the greatest, euen a blessing in your posteritie, which the Lord grant for his Christs sake,* Amen.

Yours in the Lord Iesus Christ,

W. H.

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All Christian Children, especially to them of mine owne charge.

THese first Principles of Christianitie (deare children) doe I yet once againe offer vnto you for the good of your soules; and what is my desire herein, but that you should consecrate the first fruites of your age, and strength, in seruice vnto Christ? why should Sathan seaze vpon your soules in childehood? why should the worlde allure your tender hearts vnto vanitie? remember that yee were baptized in infancie, to signifie that euen then you were dedicated vnto Christ. Endeauour therefore to learne to knowe the principles of that Religion into the which you are baptized, and so growe euery day in grace, and in the knowledge of the mysterie of godlinesse, that so you may bee as *Thimothie* was, *who knew the Scriptures from his childehood*, who after so grew vp, that hee was ioyned as an assistant with S. *Paul* that great Apostle, in his labours: so shall you in old age, when

when death approacheth, say, with holy *Policarpus*, *This fourescore and sixe yeeres haue I serued Christ*, that was from his infancie: so shall you all your life long enioy much peace in your soules, euen that peace which is a continuall feast, and passeth all vnderstanding. The Lord season your tender hearts with his grace euery day more and more, for his Sonnes sake Christ Iesus,

Amen.

Yours in the Lord Iesus Christ,

W. H.

Questions

Queſtions and Anſweres vpon the Creed, the Ten Commandements, the Sacraments, and the Lords prayer; for the farther opening of the ordinarie Catechiſme.

Queſtion.

BY what meanes art thou receiued into the Church of God?

Anſ. **Outwardly by baptiſme** Act.2.41 **but inwardly by faith in Chriſt,** Ro:5.2.

Queſt. What benefits receiued you by baptiſme?

Anſ. **Three: firſt I was made a member of Chriſt,** 1.Cor.6.15.

Secondly, I was adopted the childe of God, Rom:9.26 Gal:4.5.

Thirdly, I was made the heire of the kingdom of glorie, Rom:8.17.

Queſt. Seeing by Baptiſme thou art receiued into the Church of Chriſt, what vſe

vse is there of Godfathers and Godmothers therein?

Ans. First, they did present me to the Church instead of my Parents, Luk. 2. 22.

Secondly, they made confession of that faith, into the which I was to be Baptised.

Thirdly, they promised and vowed on my behalfe, what on my part was to bee performed.

Quest. What did they promise on your behalfe?

Ans. They promised three things, First, that I should forsake the three capitall enemies of my saluation, the World, the Flesh, and the Diuell, 1. Ioh. 2. 14. 15.

Secondly, that I should beleeue all the Articles of the Christian faith, Act. 16. 31.

Thirdly, that I should keepe all Gods Commandements all the dayes of my life, Deut. 6. 2.

Quest. Dost thou thinke, that thou art bound to performe these things promised?

Ans. Yea verily, in regard of the couenant which I haue made with GOD, Hos. 2. 23.

Quest. Art thou able to performe all

these

these things?

Ans. Not of my selfe, but in some measure I am enabled thereunto by Gods grace, Phil. 4. 13.

Quest. What is vnderstood by the first capitall enemie, the World?

Ans. I doe vnderstand all outward and earthly things: as euill company, riches, honour, pleasure, and such like: as they are meanes to draw mee from God, 1. Ioh. 2. 15. 1 Ioh. 5. 19.

Quest. What is meant by the Flesh?

Ans. By the Flesh I meane our corrupt nature, inclined to euill, vncleane lusts, euill desires, whereby our will is often depraued & peruerted, Rom. 7. 18. Gal. 5. 17.

Quest. What meane you by the Diuell?

Ans. I meane all those spirits of Apostacie, euer at hand to suggest euill motions into mine heart, Ioh. 13. 2.

Quest. You sayd that you are also bound to beleeue. What is faith?

Ans. Faith is a grace giuen of God to assure me of his mercy and loue vnto me in Christ. Rom 8. 38. reuealed vnto my minde by the holy Ghost, Gal. 4. 6. through the ministery of the word, Ioh. 17. 20. Ro. 10. 17.

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Quest. What are these things which we are to beleeue vnto saluation?

Ans. We must beléeue all those fundamentall points laid downe vnto vs in the word, Ioh. 20. 31. the summe wherof is expressed in the Créd, commonly called the Apostles Créd.

Quest. Rehearse the Creed.

Ans. I beléeue in God the Father, almightie.

Quest. Into how many partes is this Creed diuided?

Ans. Into foure partes contayning twelue Articles: in the first whereof I am taught to beléeue in God the Father, who hath made me and all creatures, in the first Article: in the second part I am taught to beléeue in God the Sonne, who hath redéemed me and all mankinde, in the sixt next Articles.

In the third part I am taught to beléeue in God the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified me & all the elect, in the eight Article.

In the fourth part I am taught to beleeue concerning the Church as is laid downe in the foure last articles.

Quest. What doest thou learne to beleeue

leeue in the first article, *I beleeue in God the Father Almightie maker of heauen and earth?*

Ans. I learne to beleeue foure things:

First that there is a God, Isai. 45. 21. 22.

Secondly, that this God is but one, 1. Cor. 8. 6. 1. Tim. 2. 5.

Thirdly, that this one God is distinguished, into three persones, Father, Son, and holy Ghost, 1. Ioh. 5. 7.

Fourthly, that this one God is almighty, declared so to be first by creating all things, Gen. 1. 1.

Secondly, by vpholding all things created by his continuall prouidence, Psalm: 145. 15. 16. Act: 17. 28.

Quest. This thou beleeuest, but what comfort reapest thou thereby vnto thy selfe?

Ans. First I do beléeue that God is my Father, and that I am his child, Ioh. 1. 12. Gal: 3. 26.

Secondly, that he being almightie and I his childe, hee will giue mee all things néedfull, Psalm: 34. 10. and preserue mee from all dangers vnto saluation, 2. Tim: 4. 18.

Quest. Touching the second Article, why

why is the Sonne of God called Iesus?

Ans. Because hée saueth vs from all our sinnes, Math. 1. 21. neither is there saluation in any other, Act. 4. 12.

Quest. Wherefore is he called Christ?

Ans. In regard of his Offices whereunto he was ordained by God the Father, Ioh. 6. 27. and anoynted by the holy Ghost, Math. 3. 16.

Quest. Which are the Offices of Christ?

Ans. First, his Office Prophetical to instruct vs in all things, Deut. 18. 15. Esay. 61. 1.

Secondly, his Priestly Office to redéeme vs, Hebr. 7. 21. Heb. 9. 11. and to pray for vs, Rom 8. 34.

Thirdly, his Kingly Office, to raigne ouer vs by his spirit and word, Luk. 1. 33. Act. 2. 36.

Quest. Why is he called the onely begotten sonne of God, since wee also are the sonnes of God?

Ans. For that he onely is the Sonne of God by nature and generation, Ioh. 1. 14. but we are the sonnes of God by grace and adoption, Rom. 8 15. Gal. 4. 5.

Quest. What doe you learne that Ie-

sus

sus Christ is the Sonne of God by nature?

Ans. I learne vnto my comfort, that he was very God, Ioh. 1.14. & that therfore whatsoeuer was performed and suffered by him was infinitely meritorious for our saluation, Act. 20. 28. 2. Cor. 5. 19. Col. 1. 19.

Quest. Wherefore is Iesus Christ called our Lord?

Ans. Because hauing redeemed our soules from sinne and Sathan, hee doth challenge vs, as his owne to doe him seruice, Rom. 14. 8. 9. 1. Cor. 6. 19.

Quest. What doe you learne out of the third Article, *Conceiued by the holy Ghost, borne of the Virgine Mary?*

Ans. I learne first by his birth, that he was man that so hee might suffer for my sinne, Heb. 2. 14. 15.

Secondly, by the manner of his conception by the holy Ghost, and birth of a virgine, that he was without all manner of sinne and so the sacrifice of himselfe, being most pure, it was precious for our redemption, 1. Pet. 1. 19.

Quest. What learne you out of the fourth Article, *Hee suffered vnder Pontius*

Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, hee descended into Hell?

Ans. I learne, that vpon the Crosse he suffered both in his body and soule, Isai. 53. 5. and that by his Passion, as by an all-sufficient sacrifice, Heb. 10. 14. he hath frēde my body and soule, from eternall damnation, 1. Thess. 5. 9. Heb 2. 14 15.

Quest. Why suffered hee rather vpon the Crosse then by other kinde of death?

Ans. First, because that kinde of death was most shamefull.

Secondly, it was most painefull.

Thirdly, thereby he toke vpon him the curse, Deut. 21. 23. to frē me from the curse of the lawe, Gal. 3. 13.

Quest. Seeing Christ hath thus dyed for vs, why yet must all Gods Saints dye?

Ans. Not as a satisfaction or penalty for sinne, but for two especiall benefits, First, for that sinne, thereby is abolished in my nature, Rom. 6. 7.

Secondly, death is made an entrance for our soules, into life eternal, Phil. 1. 23.

Quest. What learne you by his descension into hell?

Ans. I learne that he was extremely hum-

humbled to the lowest steppe of dishonor, that so we all might be exalted to an high degrée of glorie, Phil. 2. 8. 9.

Quest. Touching the fift Article, what profit haue we by his resurrection?

Ans. First, hereby I learne, that hée hath truely conquered death and Hell, and hath obtained life and saluation for vs, 1. Cor. 15. 20. 1. Pet. 1 3. 4.

Secondly, I am thereby enabled to rise from sinne, and am stirred vp to newnesse of life, Rom. 6. 4. Col. 3. 1.

Thirdly, thereby I am secured of the raysing of my body, 1. Cor. 15. 20.

Quest. What learne you by sixt Article, *Hee ascended into heauen, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father*?

Ans. First, thereby hée hath taken possession of heauen for vs, securing vs, that we shall ascend thither after him, Ioh. 14. 3. Ephes 2. 6.

Secondly, we haue the benefit of intercession, that hée prayeth for vs, and pleadeth our cause, Rom. 8. 34. Heb. 9. 24.

Thirdly, by that meanes he hath sent vnto vs the holy Ghost, to be a teacher and comforter in his place, Ioh. 16. 7.

Quest. What learne you by his sitting at the right hand of God?

Ans. First, that all power is giuen vnto him, both in heauen & earth, Mat. 28. 18.

Secondly, that by his power hée will saue his Church, and destroy his enemies Psal. 2. 9. Eph. 4. 8.

Quest. What learne you out of the seauenth Article, *From thence hee shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead?*

Ans. Exceeding great comfort, for that hée which is our Sauiour shall bée our Iudge, Act. 17. 31.

Secondly, at that time he will receiue vs and all his elect into glory, Mat. 25. 34.

Thirdly, by that meanes hée shall destroy all his enemies which are also our enemies, 2. Thes. 1. 6. 7. 8.

Quest. What learne you out of the third part of the eight Article, *I beleeue in the holy Ghost?*

Ans. First, I learne that the holy Ghost is God coequall and coeternall to the Father, Act. 5. 3. 4.

Secondly, that the holy Ghost is giuen vnto vs to teach vs, to comfort vs, & to sanctifie vs, Ioh. 14. 16. Ioh. 16. 13.

Rom.

Rom. 1. 4.

Quest. What learne you out of the ninth Article, *The holy Catholike Church the Communion of Saints?*

Ans. First I learne, that God hath a Church vpon earth vniuersall, in regard of persons, times and places, Mat. 28. 19. Act. 10. 34.

Secondly, that the same consisting of Gods elect, is sanctified by Christ, Eph. 5. 25. 26. 27.

Thirdly, that I am a liuely member of the same Church, 1. Cor. 6. 15. Eph. 2. 21.

Fourthly, that therin there is a fellowship, of all Gods elect, communicating in all the gifts of grace, 1. Cor. 12. 12. 13. 1. Ioh. 1. 3.

Quest. What learne you out of the tenth Article, *The forgiuenes of sinnes?*

Ans. First, I learne to beleeue that all my sinnes are freely forgiuen in Christ, Rom. 3. 25. Eph. 1 7.

Secondly, that being so freely forgiuen, they shall neuer be laid to my charge, Esai. 1. 18.

Quest. What learne you of the eleuenth and twelfth Articles, *The resurrection of the*

dead and life euerlasting?

Ans. I doe learne three thinges most comfortable, First, that all men shall bee raised againe at the last day, Apoc. 20. 13

Secondly, that our bodies shal arise glorious bodies, 1. Cor. 15. 42. Phil. 3. 21.

Thirdly, that we all in body and soule united, shall liue with Christ for euer in his kingdome. Ioh. 14 2. 1. Thes. 4. 17.

Quest. What profit dost thou get, by beleeuing all these things?

Ans. First, by this means I am iustified before God euen by faith alone in Christ, Act. 13. 39. Phil. 3. 9.

Secondly, by faith I shall ouercome the enemies of my saluation, 1. Ioh. 5. 4.

Thirdly, being iustified, and ouercomming, I shal inherit eternall life, Ro. 8. 30. Tit. 3. 7.

Quest. Why art thou iustified by faith alone?

Ans. Not because my faith is perfect, & deserueth at Gods hands, 1. Cor. 13. 9. but because the obedience & righteousnes of Christ is made mine in the sight of God, 1. Cor. 1. 30. of the which I can no other way pertake but by faith, Rom. 4. 22. 24.

Qu. Why

Quest. Why cannot good works iustifie vs in the sight of God?

Ans. Because that righteousnes which shall stand in the iudgement of God, must be most perfect, Deut. 27.26. but our best works are imperfect & defiled with sinne, Psal. 143. 2. Isay. 64. 6.

Quest. Wherefore then must wee doe good workes?

Ans. For many great causes: First, in regard of God.

Secondly, in regard of our selues.

Thirdly, in regard of Gods children.

Fourthly, in regard of the enemies of our Christian profession.

Quest. Why must we doe good works in regard of God?

Ans. First, because it is seruice required of him and due vnto him, Luk. 1.74. Luk. 19 13.

Secondly, in regard of thankfulnesse vnto him, Psal. 116. 12.

Thirdly, because by that meanes others may be mooued to glorifie God, Matth. 5. 16.

Quest. Why are we to doe good workes in regard of our selues?

Anſ. Firſt, thereby to make our election ſure vnto our ſelues, 2. Pet. 1. 10.

Secondly, becauſe they are the way to glory, Math. 7. 14.

Thirdly, in regard of the reward, and difference thereof, 1. Cor. 15. 41. 2. Cor. 9. 6.

Queſt. Why muſt we doe good works in regard of Gods children?

Anſ. Firſt, that they may reape the fruit thereof vnto their good in the works of mercy, Philem. 1. 20.

Secondly, that by our example they may be ſtirred vp to doe good, Tit. 2. 7.

Queſt. Why in regard of the enemies of our profeſſion?

Anſ. To ſtoppe the mouthes of all blaſphemous aduerſaries, 1. Pet. 2. 15. 1. Pet. 3. 16.

Queſt. How many things are requiſite in our works to make them good?

Anſ. Three: Firſt that they be commended in the Law of God, 1. Sam. 15. 22. Eph. 2. 10.

Secondly, that they flowe from a true faith, Rom. 14. 23. Heb. 11. 6.

Thirdly, that they be done to Gods glory,

glory, 1. Cor. 10. 31. 1. Pet. 4. 11.

Quest. What meane you by the Lawe of God?

Ans. I meane the morall law, contayned in the ten Commandements.

Quest. Reherse the Commandements.

Ans. God spake these wordes and sayd, &c.

Quest. What is meant by that preface before the Commaundements, *God spake, &c*

Ans. It doth containe foure arguments most forcible to perswade vs to obedience, first, in that it is said, God spake these wordes, I learne, that God is the authour of them, Ezek. 20. 11

Secondly, in that it is saide, I am the Lord, I learne that he hath authoritie to command, and power to punish the breakers of his law, Math. 10. 28.

Thirdly, in that it is saide, Thy God, I learne that we must obey in regard of the couenant which we haue made with him, Ezek. 11. 20.

Fourthly, in that it is saide, Which brought thée out of Egypt, we must obey in regard of his mercy & goodnes towards

vs,

vs, Psal. 116. 12.

Quest. How are these commandements diuided?

Ans. Into two Tables, in the first whereof, in foure commaundements, is taught how wee ought to behaue our selues towards our God.

The second, in the sixe last commandements, teacheth vs what duties we owe vnto our neighbours.

Quest. What doth God require of vs in the first Commaundement, *Thou shalt haue none other Gods but me?*

Ans. First, I am forbidden all inward Idolatrie, to set vp any Idoll in mine heart, in giuing any part of Gods worship vnto it, Isai. 42. 8.

Secondly, we are commanded to worship the Lord our God, and him only must we serue, Math. 4. 10.

Quest. Wherein consisteth the inward and spirituall worship of God?

Ans. Chiefely in these foure:

First, in learning to know him aright, Ioh. 17. 3.

Secondly, to beleeue in him, Ioh. 14. 1. out of which floweth prayer for what we want,

want, and thankfulnes for what we haue receiued, Psal. 50. 14.

Thirdly, in louing him aboue all, Deut. 6. 5, Mat. 10. 37.

Fourthly, in fearing him aboue all, Mal. 1. 6. Luk. 12. 15.

Quest. What is required of vs in the second commandement, *Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen Image?*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to make any image to represent God, Deu. 4. 15. 16 Isai. 40. 18.

Secondly, we may not make the image of any creature to giue diuine worshippe vnto it, Ier. 2. 27. Act. 7. 41.

Thirdly, I am commaunded to worshippe God as hee hath prescribed in his word, Math. 15 9.

Quest. What is required of vs in the third Commaundement, *Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vaine?*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to abuse the glorious Name of God any manner of way, as:

In coniuring, Deut. 18. 11.

In cursing, Rom. 12. 14.

In periury, Leuit. 19. 12. Zach 1. 4.

Or in idle and vaine swearing, Matth. 5. 34.

Secondly, we are commaunded to vse the holy Name of GOD with reuerence and honour, Deut. 28. 58. as in giuing praise vnto it, Psal. 118. 28. 29.

Or thanks, Phil. 4. 6.

Or praying vnto it, Psal. 50. 15.

Or in religious swearing by it, Esay 45. 23.

Quest. What doth God require of vs in the fourth Commaundement, *Thou shalt keepe holy the Sabbath day?*

Ans. First, we are commaunded to giue rest vnto our bodies, and therefore it is called the Sabbath, Deut. 5. 14.

Secondly, to doe such works whereby the Sabbath is sanctified: as,

In diligent frequenting the publike assemblies of the Church, Psal. 68. 26. Act. 2. 42.

In reuerent hearing the word, Act. 13. 44.

In receiuing the Sacrament, Act. 2. 46.

In praying publikely and priuately, Act. 16. 13.

And

And in giuing to the poore, 1. Cor. 16. 2.

Thirdly, I am forbidden to doe the honest and laborious workes of my calling, Exod. 16. 23. sauing in case of necessitie. Luk. 13. 15.

Fourthly, all sinfull actions and exercises tending to sinne, as drunkennes, dancing, dalliance, and the like, Rom. 13. 13. 14. Ephe. 5. 10. 11.

Quest. What persons are bound to keep holy the Sabbath?

Ans. First all, thou, thy son, thy daughter, thy manseruant, thy maidseruant, all of euery condition, Exod. 20. 10.

Secondly, all Fathers of families and Magistrates are inioyned to take care that all which doe liue vnder them do sanctifie it vnto the Lord, Neh. 13. 17.

Quest. What doth God require of vs in the fift commaundement, *Honour thy Father, and thy Mother, &c.*

Ans. First, we are commanded to loue, feare, and obey all our superiours, chiefely our naturall parents, Eph. 6. 2.

2. All Magistrates, Rom. 13. 1. 5.

3. Our spirituall Pastors, 1. The. 5. 12. Heb. 13. 17.

4. Our

4. Our masters, Col. 3. 22.

5. Our godly elders, Isai. 3. 5. 1. Tim. 5. 1. 2.

Secondly, we are forbidden to hate, despise, or disobey them, either in thought, word, or deed, Pro. 20. 20. Rom. 13. 2.

Quest. What doth God require of vs in the sixt Commaundement, *Thou shalt not kill?*

Ans. First, I am forbidden to preiudice the life of my neighbour.

First, by actuall murther, Gen. 9. 5. 6. Mat. 26. 52.

Secondly, by malice, 1. Ioh. 3. 15.

Thirdly, by mocking, quarrelling, or any other way to prouoke anger, 2. Sam. 16. 7. Math. 5. 22.

Secondly, I am commaunded to preserue his life, First, by defending him, Exod. 2. 13.

2. By louing him, Ephes. 5. 2.

3. By vsing all louing behauiour towards him, Ephes. 4. 32.

Quest. What doth God require of vs in the seuenth Commaundement, *Thou shalt not commit adultery?*

Ans. God forbiddeth all vncleannes in the

the flesh, as first all defiling the body by actuall whoredome, Hebr. 13. 4. Leui. 18. 20.

Secondly, all vncleane lusts of the heart, 5. 28.

Thirdly, all vnchaste behauiour, either in word or deede, whereby eyther we our selues or others might be inticed, Eph. 4. 29. Eph. 5. 3.

Secondly we are commanded to keepe cleane bodies, 1. Cor. 6. 19.

2. Chast hearts. 1. Thes. 4. 3. 4.

3. Chaste behauiour in worde and gesture.

Quest. What is required of vs in the eight Commaundement, *Thou shalt not steale?*

Answer. First wee are forbidden to wrong our neighbour in his goods, first, by actuall stealing, Leuit. 19. 11. Ephe. 4. 38.

2. By couetousnesse, Ephe. 5. 5. Col. 3. 5.

3. By all vnlawfull getting from him, as:

First, by false weights and measures, Deut. 25. 13.

2. By

2. By vsury, Deut. 23. 19. Psal. 15. 5. or,

3. By any vniust meanes, 1. Thess. 4. 6.

Secondly, we are commaunded to labour, that so; First we may eat our owne bread, 2. Thess. 3. 12.

Secondly, that we may be able to doe good vnto others, especially to the poore Saints, Gal. 6. 10. both by hospitalitie, Heb. 13. 2. and almes deeds, Heb 13. 16.

Quest. What doth God require of vs in the ninth commaundement, *Thou shalt not beare false witnesse against thy neighbour?*

Ans. First we are forbidden to speake falsely in witnes-bearing, Exod. 23. 1. Deu. 19. 18.

Secondly, to backbite or slaunder any, Psal. 15. 3.

Thirdly, to lye, flatter or dissemble, Psal. 12. 3. Ioh. 8. 44. Eph. 4. 25.

Secondly, we are commaunded in all thinges to speake and maintaine truth. Psal. 15. 2. as,

1. In bearing witnesse, Zach 8. 16.

2. In plainely reproouing our brethren, Leui. 19. 17.

3. In

3. In defending his good name, 1. Sam. 19. 4. 5. 1. Pet. 4. 8.

Quest. What doth God require of vs in the tenth commaundement, *Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not couet, &c.*

Ans. First, wée are forbidden to giue way to the least motion of vnlawfull desire, concerning that which is our neighbours, Ier. 4. 14.

Secondly, we are commaunded to entertaine & nourish in our soules, all holy and heauenly motions, Ro. 7. 22. Col. 3. 2.

Quest. Are any of Gods children able to keepe these commaundements perfectly?

Ans. No, first because we sinne, the best of vs in many things, Psal. 19. 12. Iam. 3. 2.

Secondly, because our best works doe sauour of the flesh, and are defective, Isai. 64. 6. Gal. 5. 17.

Quest. How shall wee then shunne the curse of the Lawe, and eternall damnation?

Ans. By faith in Christ, 1. Cor. 1. 30. 2. Cor. 5. 21.

Qu. By what meanes yet may we grow

In holy obedience before God?

Ans. By vsing all holy exercises, especially these foure:

First, by hearing and reading the word of God, Psal. 119. 9. 1. Pet. 2. 2.

Secondly, by mutuall conference, 1. Thes. 5. 11.

Thirdly, by receiuing the Sacraments, Acts 2. 42.

Fourthly, by earnest prayer vnto God for the increase of his grace, Luk. 11. 13. Iam. 1. 5.

Qu. First then, what is the word of God?

Ans. All that doctrine deliuered in the Scriptures of the old & new Testament.

Quest. How doe you know it to be the word of God?

Ans. Because it was deliuered, and written by diuine inspiration, 2. Tim. 3. 16. 2. Pet. 1. 21.

Quest. How doe you know that euery part of the Scripture was deliuered by diuine inspiration, and so is indeed the word of God?

Ans. By many firme arguments: but especially fiue:

First, by the inward testimony of the holy

holy Ghost in mine owne heart, 1. Ioh. 27. 1. Cor. 2. 15.

Secondly, by the wonderfull maiestie of the Scriptures, 1. Cor. 2. 14. deliuered yet in great simplicitie.

Thirdly, by the mightie power of it, in conuerting soules, Psalm. 19. 7. 2. Cor. 10. 4.

Fourthly, by the matter, which altogether sauoureth of heauenly wisedome.

Lastly, by the continuall consent of all the Scriptures, being written by so many in times so different.

Quest. You say, that receiuing the Sacrament is one meanes of your spirituall growth: what is therefore a Sacrament?

Ans. A Sacrament is a visible signe of inuisible grace, Gen. 17. 11.

Quest. What are the ends why God did ordaine Sacraments vnto his Church?

Ans. Many: but especially fiue:

First, to be badges of our Christian profession.

Secondly, to be signes to set out to our sences the promises of God, Gen. 17. 11.

Thirdly, to be as Seales to confirme

the truth thereof vnto vs, Rom. 4. 11.

Fourthly, to be meanes to conuey vnto vs inward & spirituall graces, where there is faith to apprehend them, 1. Cor. 10. 16.

Lastly, to be effectuall meanes of the increase of faith and pietie in our hearts, Acts 2. 46.

Quest. Who doe make the right vse of the Sacraments?

Ans. They which are daily confirmed thereby, in faith and newnes of life, Acts 2. 42.

Quest. How many sorts of Sacraments are there?

Ans. Two sorts, one of the olde testament, to assure vs that Christ should come.

Another sort of the new Testament, to assure vs that Christ is already come.

Quest. What is a Sacrament of the new Testament?

Ans. It is an outward signe ordained of God to assure vs, that Christ and all his benefits are made ours, Luke 22. 19. 1. Cor. 11. 24.

Quest. How many Sacraments hath Christ

Christ ordayned in his Church?

Ans. Two onely, Baptisme, and the Lords Supper, 1. Cor. 10. 1, 2. 3.

Quest. What is Baptisme?

Ans. Baptisme is a Sacrament of our new and spirituall birth, Tit. 3. 5. where by the outward washing of water, we are taught and assured that our soules are washed from all our sinnes in Christes bloud, Acts 2. 38. 1. Ioh. 1. 7.

Quest. Why are Infants baptized, seeing they doe not yet actually beleeue?

Ans. Because the couenant and promises of God do belong vnto them, Gen. 17. 7. Acts 2. 38. 39.

Quest. Seeing we are baptized onely in infancy, how hath baptisme effect to wash away sinnes afterward committed?

Ans. Baptisme hath his effect during our whole life, and is as a perpetuall fountaine euer washing vs, Zach. 13. 1. while we with a liuely faith do looke vnto the shedding of Christs bloud, Heb. 10. 10. 14.

Quest. What is the Lords Supper?

Ans. It is a Sacrament, wherin by receiuing Bread and Wine consecrated by

the word of God doth truly offer vnto vs, and we doe really receiue the body and bloud of Christ, 1. Cor. 10. 16.

Quest. Which are the outward signes in the Lords Supper?

Ans. Bread and Wine, Mat. 26. 26. 27.

Quest. Which is the inuisible grace?

Ans. The body and bloud of Christ, Luke 22. 19.

Quest. What doth God teach vs in appointing Bread and Wine, bodily foode, to bee outward signes of the body and bloud of Christ.

Ans. Three things: first, that Christ is the true and liuely foode of our soules, being sacramentally apprehended by faith, whereby our spirituall life is supported, Ioh. 6. 32. 33. 34.

Secondly, that all the merits of Christs passion, and whatsoeuer is in him, is verily become ours, Rom. 8. 32.

Thirdly, hereby wee are taught the manner of our spirituall vnion with Christ, that he is inseperably concorporated with vs, and we with him, Iohn 6. 56. Iohn 15 4.

Quest. What is meant by the words of insti-

institution, *Take, eate, this is my body: and drinke yee all of this, this is my bloud of the new Testament, which is shed for many?*

A. In that Christ saith, *Take*, he teacheth vs that he is become ours, 1. Cor. 1. 30.

Secondly, in that he saith, *eate, drinke*, he teacheth vs, that he is become one bodie with vs, 1. Cor. 10. 17.

Thirdly, in that he saith, *which is giuen for you, which is shed for you*, that both these are not so much his as ours, and that hee toke them vp, and layd him downe for vs and our saluation, Ioh. 10. 11. 1. Tim. 2. 6.

Lastly, we are taught that the right vse of the Sacrament consisteth of those actions, and that therefore eleuation, reseruation, circumgestation, and adoration of the Sacrament in Popery, is no part of Christs ordinance.

Quest. By what meanes doe wee eate Christs body, and drinke his bloud in the Sacrament?

Ans. Spiritually by faith, Ioh. 6. 35. 47. while in those outward signes we doe behold Christ crucified for vs.

Quest. Doe the wicked and vnbeleeuers eate Christs body, and drinke his

bloud in the Sacrament?

Ans. No, because they want faith.

Quest. Is the bread turned into Christs bodie, and the wine into his bloud in the Sacrament?

Ans. No, for so, first the vnbelæuers should eate Christs bodie, and drinke his bloud.

Secondly, we should destroy the nature of the Sacrament by taking away the outward signe.

Thirdly, we should destroy the truth of his naturall bodie by depriuing it of the true properties thereof, Heb. 2. 17.

Quest. What vnion is there of the outward signes with the thing signified?

Ans. Onely a Sacramentall vnion, whereby Christ is so present in our Sacraments as hee was in the ceremonies and Sacraments of the Law, 1. Cor. 10. 3

Quest. What change then is there in the outward signes?

Ans. No change in their nature, but only in vse, for that elements before common, are now consecrated to be signes of things spirituall & holy, in regard whereof they are holy, 2. Sam. 21. 4.

Qu. What

Quest. What must wee doe for our preparation before we come to receiue the Sacrament?

Ans. Examine our selues, 1. Cor. 11. 28.

Que. Why must we examine our selues?

Ans. For two causes: first, because the vnworthy receiuer is guiltie of the bodie and bloud of Christ, 1. Cor. 11. 27.

Secondly, because he prouoketh God to wrath, and so eateth, and so drinketh his owne damnation, 1. Cor. 11. 29.

Quest. Who are they which receiue vnworthily?

Ans. All they which come irreuerently, or without faith and repentance renued, Isai. 1. 13. 15. Tit. 1. 15.

Quest. Are all Christians to receiue the Lords Supper?

Ans. No: only such are to receiue who both can and doe diligently examine and approue themselues, 1. Cor. 11. 28.

Quest. Wherein are we to examine our selues?

Ans. In foure things: first, whether we know the true sense and meaning of this Sacrament, Pro. 19. 2.

Secondly, whether we haue a true and liuely

liuely faith, 2. Cor. 13. 5.

Thirdly, whether we finde true repentance in our hearts, Isai. 1. 16.

Lastly, whether we be in loue and charitie with all men, Math. 5. 23. 24.

Qu. You said that prayer is one meanes of our spirituall growth, what thinges are requisite in prayer?

Ans. Many: as namely, first, that wee pray vnto God through Christ, Ioh. 16. 23

Secondly, with assurance through faith to be heard, Mar. 11. 24. Iam. 1. 6.

Thirdly, that our prayers doe flowe from the heart, and be feruent, 1. Cor. 14. 15. Iam. 5. 16.

Fourthly, that we be in charity when we pray, Mar. 11. 25. 1. Tim. 2. 8.

Fiftly, that we leaue sinne, and endeauour to liue according to Gods will, Psal. 66. 18. Ioh. 9. 31. Ioh. 3. 22.

Sixtly, that we faint not in prayer, but continue in the exercise therof, Luk. 18. 1. Col. 4. 2.

Finally, that our prayers must be framed according to Gods will, 1. Ioh. 5. 14.

Quest. When are our prayers framed according to Gods will?

Ans. When

Ans. When they are made according to the prayer which our Lord Jesus Christ hath prescribed as a rule to frame our prayers thereby, Math. 6. 9.

Quest. Rehearse the Lords prayer.

A. Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

Quest. How many things are principally to be obserued in the Lords prayer?

Ans. Three: first, what name wee are taught to giue vnto our God to whome we make our prayers, Our Father which art in heauen.

Secondly, the summe of that wee pray for, contained in the fiue petitions.

Thirdly, a conclusion, giuing vs assurance that we shal haue what we aske, for thine is the kingdome, power & glory, &c.

Quest. What comfort doe you conceiue in the name you are taught to giue vnto God?

An. First, in that we are taught to call God our Father, we learne that he loueth vs, and is tenderly affected vnto vs, and so will giue what we aske, Mat. 7. 9 10. 11.

Secondly, in that he is heauenly, wee learne his al-sufficiency, that he is able to furnish vs with all thinges necessary,

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Gen. 17. 1. Ro. 10. 12.

Quest. How many things doe the sixe petitions containe?

Ans. Two: first, things concerning Gods glory, contained in the three first petitions, wherby we are taught first and principally in our desires to seeke and sue for the aduancement thereof, Mat. 6. 33.

Secondly, things concerning our owne necessities, contained in the three last, whereby we are taught in a second place to respect our owne wants, and the supplying thereof.

Quest. What doe you aske of God in the first petition, *Hallowed be thy Name?*

Ans. First, that he so direct vs all, that we might haue in high reuerence his glorious Maiestie, omnipotencie, wisedome, mercy, goodnes, and truth, shewed in his word, and shining in his creatures, Psal. 29. 2. Psal. 71. 8. Ier. 9. 24.

Secondly, that his glorious Name may neuer be dishonoured by vs, eyther in thought, word, or deed, Leuit. 22. 31. 32. Pro. 30. 9 Ro. 2. 24.

Quest. What doe you sue for in the second petition, *Thy kingdome come?*

Ans. First,

Ans. First, that God would raigne daily more and more in vs by his holy word and spirit, Luk. 17. 21. Ro. 14. 17. 2. Cor. 10 5.

Secondly, that the Lord would weaken the power of Sathan, Rom. 16. 20. 1. Ioh. 3. 8. and of all the wicked which fight for him, Iudg. 5. 31. Psa. 2. 4. 5. Psa. 21. 12. 13.

Thirdly, that he would finish these dayes of sinne, and receiue vs into glory, Reu. 22. 20.

Quest. What doe you aske in the third petition, *Thy will bee done in earth as it is in heauen?*

Ans. First, that we, renouncing our owne corrupt wills and affections, Math. 16. 24. may obey the holy will of God, Luk. 22. 42.

Secondly, that this obedience may bee performed of vs all faithfully, chearefully, perfectly, as it is of all Angels in heauen, Psal. 103. 20. 21.

Quest. What doe you pray for in the fourth petition, *Giue vs this day our dayly bread?*

Ans. That God would giue vs foode and rayment, and all things needfull for this life, Pro. 30. 8. Psa. 104. 27. Ps. 145. 15.

Secondly,

Secondly, that he would sanctifie vnto vs his creatures for our vse, that they might be wholesome and comfortable, Deut. 8 3. 1. Tim. 4. 4. 5.

Thirdly, that as euery day we shall haue wants, so the Lord would dayly by his prouidence supply the same, Math. 6. 34. Heb. 13. 5. 6.

Quest. What doe you pray for in the fift petition, *Forgiue vs our trespasses as wee forgiue them that trespasse against vs.*

A. First, that God would for Christs sake forgiue all our sins, Ps. 51. 1. 9. Eph. 4 32.

Secondly, that we may be directed by him to forgiue one another, Luk. 17. 3. 4.

Quest. What do you learne out of these words?

An. Foure things: first, that all men are sinners, Eccl 7. 22.

Secondly, that we must seeke for remission of sinnes, Mat. 18. 26. Luk. 18. 13. for we cannot satisfie, Iob. 9. 3 Mat. 18. 25

Thirdly, none can forgiue sinnes but God, Iob. 34. 31. Luk 5 21. 24.

Fourthly, to the malicious man there is no forgiuenes, Mat. 6. 15.

Quest. What doe you pray for in the sixt petition,

petition, *And lead vs not into temptation, but deliuer vs from euill?*

Ans. First, wee pray that our hearts may be so established by grace, that wee may bee able to resist all temptations, 2. Cor. 12. 9 Ephes. 6. 13.

Quest. What is imported by the conclusion, *For thine is the kingdome, power, and glory for euer?*

Ans. First, that all power and gouernment is euerlastingly inuested in the person of God alone, and in none other, and that therefore hee is able to graunt what we aske, and no creature can resist him, Eph. 1. 11. Eph. 3. 20.

Secondly, that all glory belongeth vnto him, and therefore he will graunt all these things, for that thereby he is glorified both in himselfe, and in all his Saints, Ier. 33. 9. Ioh. 14 13.

Qu. What meaneh this word, *Amen?*

Ans. So be it, or so it shall be, whereby are shewed two things:

First, a feruent desire to haue what I pray for, Dan. 9. 19.

Secondly, an assurance that I shal haue what I aske, 1. Ioh. 5. 15.

A Prayer to bee ſaid by children in the Morning.

MOſt gracious God, and moſt louing Father in Chriſt Jeſus, we giue thée moſt humble and hearty thanks for all thy bleſſings ſo graciouſly beſtowed vpon vs, for preſeruing vs ſafe both in body and ſoule vntill this day: good Lord forgiue vs all our ſinnes, and continue thy wonted fauours vnto vs, giue vs all thinges néedfull both for our bodies and ſoules, eſpecially, good Father, grant that our hearts may be ſo truely ſeaſoned and eſtabliſhed with grace, that as wée doe grow in yéeres, ſo we may alſo grow vp in Chriſt Jeſus in the true knowledge of thée in faith, and in all ſpirituall and heauenly bleſſings, that wée ſeruing thée in holineſſe and righteouſnes all the daies of our liues, we may be kept by thy mightie power vnto ſaluation through Jeſus Chriſt: In whoſe Name we pray as hée hath taught vs: O our Father which art in heauen, hallowed, &c.

A Prayer fit for Children to say in the Euening.

O Lord God most gracious and mercifull, wee giue thée most hearty thanks for kéeping vs safe this day past from all dangers, pardon whatsoeuer hath béene done amisse, as we fall by sin, so let vs euer rise againe by true repentance, and kéepe vs this night safe as the apple of thine owne eie, giue vs quiet and comfortable rest, that being refreshed thereby, wée may be the better inabled to thy seruice the day following, and so throw our whole liues: and grant, that although our bodies slépe, yet our soules may euer watch, looking alwaies for the comming of our Lord and Sauiour Iesus Christ, that when he shall appeare, we may also appeare with him in glory. Our Father which art in heauen, &c.

Graces.

Grace before meate.

O Lord moſt gracious, which haſt giuen foode for our bodies, ſanctifie it vnto vs, and vs vnto thy ſelfe, and graunt that by the moderate vſe thereof wee may be the better enabled to ſerue thee in all holy and Chriſtian obedience through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

Grace after meate.

WE praiſe and magnifie thy Name, O Lord, for all thy good bleſſings; namely, for feeding our mortall bodies with materiall foode: feed our ſoules euer with that bread of life which came downe from heauen, that wee may liue for euer through Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

God ſaue the Church, our King, Queene, Prince and Realme, increaſe our faith, forgiue vs our ſinnes, and make vs partakers of his heauenly kingdome, Amen.

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